

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Replace the claims with the following rewritten listing.

1. (Currently Amended) Method for ~~the~~ automated handling of availability-checking, reservation and allocation processes in relationship to localized products ~~and/or~~, the method comprising:

- a) ~~the a user selects~~ selecting an offer of an offeror;
- b) the user ~~transmits~~ transmitting an identification code which is exclusively assigned to the user;
- c) the offeror ~~makes~~ making a reservation, wherein the identification code is stored, and ~~the offeror provides~~ providing reservation and identification information to an identification verification system;
- d) conducting a non-contact identification verification ~~is carried out~~ when the user enters within a ~~close-up~~ predetermined physical range of the identification verification system; and
- e) granting a ~~grant~~ of access to the user ~~is carried out~~ upon a positive identification verification,

wherein steps a), b) and c) ~~are carried out under~~ comprise utilization of a supraregional communications link, and steps d) and e) ~~are carried out under~~ comprise utilization of a local-area communications link.

2. (Currently Amended) Method as in claim 1, wherein the supraregional communications link is a mobile communication network ~~system~~.

3. (Previously Presented) Method as in claim 1, wherein the local-area communications link is a mobile network system.

4. (Previously Presented) Method as in claim 1, wherein the local-area communications link is a local-area radio link.

5. (Currently Amended) Method as in claim 1, wherein the identification code comprises a code for a particular use ~~is issued~~ for a limited area or time.

6. (Previously Presented) Method as in claim 1, wherein the local-area communications link is activated by the user.

7. (Previously Presented) Method as in claim 1, wherein the non-contact identification verification is accomplished by optical means.

8. (Currently Amended) Method as in claim 1, wherein said conducting said non-contact identification verification comprises the user providing by selective activation ~~identification provided by the user's side for transmission and/or verification purposes is released by selective activation.~~

9. (Previously Presented) Method as in claim 1, wherein data-transfer, availability-checking, reservation and allocation or assignment processes are performed with an aid of a central processing system.

10. (Previously Presented) Method as in claim 9, wherein the central processing system is equipped with data telecommunications interfaces as well as systems for inquiry analysis, availability checking, the generation and transmission of offers, identification acceptance and storage, communication with identification verification and/or access authorization systems and point-of-sale management units.

11. (Previously Presented) Method as in claim 1, wherein the user employs the method for reserving parking space in park garage systems and obtaining access to the parking space thus reserved.

12. (Currently Amended) Method as in claim 1, ~~wherein, further comprising~~ automatically generating an accounting statement ~~is automatically generated, wherein~~ including the identification code and information related to the use of the method are ~~used.~~